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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim 11 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. That the fuel is in a pressure vessel with a delivery valve places no further limitations on the fuel gas per se..

Claim 5 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 © as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer back to the preceding claims in the alternative. See MPEP 608.01(n).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the language "especially for setting implements for fastening elements" is indefinite.

In claim 3, "all" should be replaced by --of--.

In claim 5, it is not clear if applicant is reciting that the fragrances are produced from the recited items or if the fragrance has the recited characteristics. Clarification and/or correction are required. It should be noted that the characteristics of some of the recited items overlap.

In claim 6, "in the intended manner" has no antecedent support.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP

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JP teaches a fuel for cigarette lighters comprising butane-containing fuel gas and a fragrance (see abstract in its entirety).

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Accordingly, JP teaching all the material limitations of the claims anticipates the claims.

Claims 1-6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yu (US 4,844,713).

Yu teaches a fragrant fuel composition comprising liquefied petroleum gas and a fragrance such as bayberry (see abstract; col. 1, lines 5-14; Example 1). Yu teaches that the ratio of fragrance to gas is 0.05-10:100. The fuel composition is prepared by preparing the fragrance as a solution and adding butane to the solution by use of pressurized inert gas (see col. 2, lines 28-57).

Accordingly, Yu teaching all the material limitations of the claims anticipates the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 01311191.

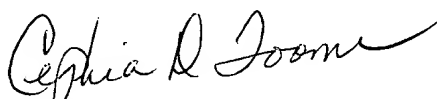
JP has been discussed above.

JP fails to teach the amount of fragrance present in the composition. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have determined the optimum or workable range of the fragrance through routine experimentation, especially since JP teaches that the lighter gas is a scented fragrance lighter gas.

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The prior art made of record but not relied upon is cited for teaching fuels containing lower hydrocarbons and/or nitro methane.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Cephia Toomer at telephone number (703) 308-2509.



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